

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
 ~~for~~ delivering messages in a network comprising at least one terminal device,
 wherein delivering messages comprises: comprising steps of
 generating a message,
 setting a condition for receiving said message,
 deciding whether said message is to be received by a terminal device on the basis
of said condition, ~~and~~
 transmitting said message to said terminal device on the basis of a result of the
deciding ~~step~~ whether said message is to be received,
 deciding whether an originator of said message is allowed to receive a delivery
report, and
 transmitting said delivery report to the originator of said message only in case
said originator of said message is allowed,
 wherein a list of originators of messages which are allowed to receive delivery
reports is stored in a database.
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said setting step is~~
~~performed~~ the condition is set by a terminal device.
3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said condition is a
location of said terminal device.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the ~~step~~
of

including information regarding said condition in an optional field of said message.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the step~~ of

determining said terminal device as being inactive or busy in case it is decided that said condition is not met.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~the step~~ of

defining a group of users which are allowed to receive delivery reports, wherein in said deciding step whether said message is to be received it is detected whether the originator of said received message is a member of said group of users.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising ~~the step~~ of

adding a group identifier identifying said group of users to said message.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

12. (Currently Amended) A network system ~~for delivering~~ configured to deliver messages in a network, comprising
a message delivering device; and

a terminal device; wherein

said message delivering device comprises a deciding means unit configured to decide whether said a message is to be received by said terminal device on the basis of a condition for receiving said message, and a transmitting means unit configured to transmit said message on the basis of a deciding result of said deciding means unit to said terminal device,

wherein said terminal device further comprises

a judging means unit configured to judge whether a delivery report is to be transmitted or not in response to receiving said message;

a transmitting means unit configured to transmit said delivery report in case said judging means judges that said delivery report is to be transmitted, and

a database in which a list of originators of messages is stored which are allowed to receive delivery reports and which is accessed by said judging means.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising

a setting means unit configured to set a condition for receiving a message by said terminal device.

15. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said condition is the location of said terminal device.

16. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

17. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein said message delivering device further comprises a determining means unit configured to determine said terminal device as not being reachable in case said deciding means decides that said condition is not met.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein a group of users are defined which are allowed to receive delivery reports, and

said judging means unit is configured to detect whether the originator of said received message is a member of said group of users.

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 20, wherein said group identifier identifying said group of users is added to said message.

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

24 - 34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) A terminal device ~~for receiving~~ configured to receive a message for which a condition for receiving said message is set for use in network, comprising

a receiving means unit configured to receive said message;

a judging means unit configured to judge whether a delivery report is to be transmitted or not in response to receiving said message;

a transmitting means unit configured to transmit said delivery report in case said judging means judges that said delivery report is to be transmitted, and

a database in which a list of originators of messages is stored which are allowed to receive delivery reports and which is accessed by said judging means.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) The terminal device according to claim 35, wherein said condition is the location of said terminal device.

38. (Previously Presented) The terminal device according to claim 35, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

39. (Previously Presented) The terminal device according to claim 35, wherein said network is a mobile network and said terminal device is a mobile terminal device.

40. (New) A network system for delivering messages in a network, comprising
a message delivering device; and
a terminal device; wherein
said message delivering device comprises means for deciding whether a message
is to be received by said terminal device on the basis of a condition for receiving said message,
and means for transmitting said message on the basis of a deciding result of said means for
deciding to said terminal device,
wherein said terminal device further comprises
means for judging whether a delivery report is to be transmitted or not in response
to receiving said message;
means for transmitting said delivery report in case said means for judging judges
that said delivery report is to be transmitted, and
means for storing a list of originators of messages which are allowed to receive
delivery reports and which is accessed by said means for judging.

41. (New) A terminal device for receiving a message for which a condition for receiving
said message is set for use in network, comprising
means for receiving said message;
means for judging whether a delivery report is to be transmitted or not in response
to receiving said message;
means for transmitting said delivery report in case said judging means judges that
said delivery report is to be transmitted, and

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means for storing a list of originators of messages which are allowed to receive delivery reports and which is accessed by said judging means.